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* 230 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of villages in the Merkanam National Extension Service Block ,South Arcot District) which have been provided with radio sets by the State Broadcasting Department?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Four.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : On what basis are these radio sets given to the villages in the National Extension Service Blocks. May I know whether the Government would come forward to instal more number of sets in the Merkanam Notional Extension Service Blocks in view of the fact that most of the villagers are ignorant and they are thirsting to acquire some knowledge of world affairs?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it is the policy of the Government to instal as many radio sets as possible in as many villages as possible. There are some difficulties with reference to availability of sets and the procedure adopted in the purchase of these sets. Now Government have issued orders that the sets could be purchased from private dealers and they could also be approached for maintenance and servicing of these sets. I hope the situation would improve.

*Tamil Typewriting Examination*

* 232 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates appearing for the Lower Grade Examination in Tamil Typewriting for April 1959 are to be examined in the new Tamil Standardised Key Board Machines; and

(*b*) if not, whether they are allowed to use the new or the existing approved machine due to the non-availability of the new Standardised Key Board Machines?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government Typewriting Examinations in Tamil to be conducted during the year 1959 will be held with the old machines.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question. Question 233.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Are no supplementaries to be allowed on this question?

MR. SPEAKER : Since nobody got up, I passed on to the next question. It is not my fault. Hon. Members who want to put supplementaries, should stand up in time and draw my attention. I will now allow the hon. Member to put the supplementary on question 232.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, may I know the reasons and on whose advice the change was introduced?